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SUBJ: IMPACT OF OIL SHORTAGE ON DUTCH EMPLOYMENT

1. EMPLOYERS AND TRADE UNIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR HAVE INFORMED GON THAT IF COMPANIES RECIEVE 25 PERCENT LESS OIL PRODUCTS, 55,000 BUILDING WORKERS WILL SOON BE UNEMPLOYED. THIS BREAKS DOWN TO 20,000 WORKERS IN THE LAND, WATER AND ROAD SECTOR AND 35,000 IN HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. ADDITIONAL 10,000 BUILDING SUPPLY WORKERS WOULD BE AFFECTED SOON THEREAFTER.

2. SO FAR SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY HAS RECEIVED 1700 REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION TO LIMIT NUMBER OF WORKING HOURS AS A RESULT OF OIL SHORTAGES. 320 OF THESE CAME FROM HOTEL/RESTUARANT SECTOR AND MOST OTHERS FROM GARAGES AND GASOLINE STATIONS, BUT LARGE CONCERNS LIKE DAF (13,000 WORKERS) AND ENKA GLANZSTOFF (14,000 WORKERS) HAVE ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO

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REDUCE WORKING HOURS. LARGE NUMBER OF AUTO BODY SHOPS HAVE

APPLIED FOR THESE PERMITS BECAUSE CAR-LESS SUNDAY AND
MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT HAVE SHARPLY REDUCED VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

3. GON WILL DISCUSS OIL SITUATION WITH EMPLOYER AND UNION
ORGANIZATION NEXT WEEK TO ASSESS GRAVITY OF SITUATION AND
SEEK COOPERATION IN MITIGATING ITS IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT.
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